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SUBJECT: FRG REACTION TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S

DETERRENT BRIEFING

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IN A CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS FEB. 14, REAR  
ADMIRAL TREBESCH TOLD US THE DEFENSE MINISTRY HAD JUST  
CONCLUDED ITS STUDY OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S FEB. 4,  
BRIEFING ON US DETERRENT POLICY. ACCORDING TO TREBESCH,  
THE MOD'S CONCLUSIONS, CONCURRED IN BY MINISTER LEBER,  
WERE ALTOGETHER POSITIVE. HE SAID THE FRG DID NOT  
ATTRIBUTE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CHANGES SUGGESTED IN  
THE BRIEFING; IN THE GERMAN VIEW, THEY ARE A FURTHER  
REFINEMENT OF US STRATEGIC THINKING AND ISSUES ABOUT  
WHICH THE ALLIANCE HAS BEEN FAMILIAR SINCE MCNAMARA  
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WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HE ALSO NOTED THAT

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STRATEGIC PRESENTATION AT THE  
NPG, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTERFORCE  
ASPECT, PAVED THE WAY FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
BRIEFING IN NATO. IN THE DEFMIN VIEW, THE NEW POLICY  
RESULTS IN INCREASED STRATEGIC FLEXIBILITY AND IS A  
USEFUL ADDITION TO DETERRENCE POLICY.  
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